

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 -- 2. (canceled)

1 3. (currently amended) The device according to claim 2,
2 ~~characterized in that 6 wherein each the connecting element --(20")~~
3 ~~is provided with a side wall (37, 38) that is only sufficient for~~
4 ~~the stability of the connecting element connector [(20")]~~ at the
5 ~~height of the hollow chamber.~~

1 4. (currently amended) The device according to claim 3,
2 ~~characterized in that wherein the side walls (37, 38) provided to~~
3 ~~both sides of the hollow chamber [(36)] extend parallel to one~~
4 ~~another.~~

1 5. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1,
2 ~~characterized in that the connecting element 6 wherein each~~
3 ~~connector merely consists of a piece of sheet metal that is bent in~~
4 ~~the shape of an arrow and encompasses surrounds and covers the~~
5 ~~[[two]] screw fasteners (29, 30) or their parts in covering~~
6 ~~fashion.~~

1 6. (new) A conveyor drum for a textile-treatment
2 device, the drum comprising:
3 a pair of ends spaced apart along an axis;
4 a generally cylindrical foraminous wall extending axially
5 between the ends;
6 an array of sheet metal stiffener strips lying in
7 respective generally radially extending planes and extending
8 axially between the ends;
9 a plurality of rigid connectors extending angularly
10 between the strips and each having
11 a pair of angularly oppositely directed end faces
12 engaging the respective strips,
13 an angularly extending, radially outwardly directed,
14 and radially outwardly pointed outer edge,
15 an angularly extending and radially inwardly
16 directed inner edge,
17 an angularly throughgoing outer bore adjacent the
18 outer edge,
19 an angularly throughgoing inner bore adjacent the
20 inner edge, and
21 a pair of side walls extending radially and
22 angularly from the outer edge to the inner edge
23 and forming between the bores a hollow chamber;
24 and

25 respective angularly extending screw fasteners engaged in
26 the bores and clamping the stiffener strips angularly to the end
27 faces of the connectors.

1 7. (new) The treatment drum defined in claim 6 wherein
2 each inner edge is radially inwardly pointed.

1 8. (new) The treatment drum defined in claim 7 wherein
2 the edges are arrow-shaped.

1 9. (new) The treatment drum defined in claim 6 wherein
2 each connector has a pair of generally planar end portions meeting
3 at a point at the outer edge and a pair of generally planar side
4 portions forming a continuation of and extending radially inward
5 along the respective connector from the respective end portions of
6 the respective outer edge, whereby each connector has a pair of
7 oppositely angularly directed convex outer faces extending
8 angularly between the respective edges.